

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are remain in the application. Claims 1-37 are allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowed subject material. Claim 12 has been amended to correct a deficiency in antecedent basis.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider entering the following amendment to claim 12. If the Examiner does not find these amendments acceptable for entry, Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to call the Applicant.

The dependency of claim 12 has been amended to read from claim 37 rather than from claim 1. This amendment affects claims 12 and 13. The amendment was made to provide antecedent basis for the "pre-strain" term in claim 12.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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